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# Land Grant Application- Prouty, Eli (Spencer)

Eli Prouty

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Know all men by these Presents that I Eli Prouty  
of Spencer in the County of Worcester Esquire being  
assignee of Jesse Perkins of said Spencer a soldier of  
the revolution, who is entitled to two hundred acres of  
land by a resolve of the legislature of this Commonwealth  
passed the twenty seventh day of March 1833, and also  
being assignee of Rebekah Prouty of said Spencer Widow  
and relict of Eli Prouty of said Spencer, deceased, who  
was also, a soldier of the revolution and entitled to two  
hundred acres of land by virtue of said resolve, which  
last two hundred acres, by the deceased of Eli Prouty  
last mentioned, became the property of said Rebekah  
Prouty. Know ye therefore that I the said Eli Prouty, assignee  
as aforesaid, do hereby constitute and appoint David  
Prouty of Spencer aforesaid Gentleman, my true and  
lawful attorney, for me and in my name to receive of the  
land agent of this Commonwealth, deeds of such tracts  
of land as he shall select, which originally belonged to the  
aforesaid Jesse Perkins and Rebekah Prouty.

Witness my hand and seal this fourth day of March 1834.

Sealed and delivered  
in presence of us }  
Lucy W. Draper  
James Draper

Eli Prouty

Worcester Jr. March 4. 1834

Then the above named Eli Prouty personally appeared &  
acknowledged this power of attorney to be his free act and deed.  
Before me

James Draper Just. Peace

I Jesse Bemis of Spencer in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts being eighty two years of age do testify and say that on about the seventh day of April 1776 or 1777, I enlisted into the service of the revolution as a private soldier, in the company commanded by Capt. Abel Holden and in the 6th Massachusetts commanded by Col. Thomas Nixon and the Brigade commanded by General Lincoln, that I served three years in said company and was discharged on or about the seventh day of April 1779 or 1780. And I further testify and say that Eli Prouty of Spencer aforesaid was a soldier with me in said service, that he enlisted at the same time served full three years and was discharged the same time with me and all in the same company. And I further testify and say that said Eli Prouty belonged to said Spencer when he enlisted, that he returned to Spencer immediately after he was discharged and lived until he his death, which was on the twenty seventh day of June 1818, being then nearly sixty one years of age. That he then left a widow named Rebekah Prouty, who now lives in said Spencer, and that I am well acquainted with her, as also I was with her husband.

Jesse Bemis

Worcester, Feb. 20. 1834  
Then the above named Jesse Bemis personally appeared and was sworn to the truth of the above affidavit by him subscribed, before me

James Draper Just. Peace

I certify that Jesse Bemis above named is a man of truth & veracity and is well known by me as such

James Draper Just. Peace

Whereas, Eli Prouty of Spencer in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, served three full ~~three~~ years as a private soldier in the war of the revolution, in the company commanded by Capt. Abel Holden, in the 6th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Thomas Nixon, and had he lived unto this day would have been entitled to two hundred acres of land agreeable to a resolve of this Commonwealth by their Legislature passed the twenty seventh day of March 1833, and whereas, the said Eli Prouty died on the twenty seventh day of June 1818, being at that time an inhabitant of Spencer aforesaid, and leaving a widow, who is now living in said Spencer, Therefore, I Rebekah Prouty of Spencer aforesaid, do testify and say, that I am the widow of the aforesaid Eli Prouty, and am therefore entitled to the aforesaid two hundred acres of land agreeable to said resolve.

Rebekah Prouty

Worcester, February 22, 1834.

Then the above named Rebekah Prouty personally appeared and ~~acknowledged the above affidavit by her~~ was sworn to the truth of the above affidavit by her subscribed, before me

Jamies Draper Just. Peace

This may certify that I am well acquainted with the above named Rebekah Prouty, and do know that she is the widow of the aforesaid Eli Prouty, and a person of truth and veracity.

Jamies Draper Just. Peace

Know all men by these Presents, that I Rebekah Prouty  
of Spencer in the County of Worcester and Common-  
wealth of Massachusetts, Widow, of Eli Prouty late of  
Spencer, deceased, in consideration of fifty Dollars  
paid me by Eli Prouty of Spencer aforesaid, Esquire  
the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge do  
hereby grant, sell and assign to him the said  
Eli Prouty his heirs and assigns, all my right, title,  
and interest in and unto two hundred acres of  
land, to which I am entitled by a resolve of the Legis-  
lature of Massachusetts, passed the twenty seventh day  
of March 1833, as widow of the aforesaid Eli Prouty  
who served three full years in the revolutionary war,  
hereby relinquishing unto him the said Eli Prouty  
his heirs and assigns, all my right as aforesaid.

In witness whereof I the said Rebekah Prouty have  
hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty second  
day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty four.

Signed, sealed & delivered

in presence of us

James Draper

Lucy Draper

} Rebekah Prouty

Worcester Jr. February 22, 1834.

Then the above named Rebekah Prouty acknow-  
ledged this instrument to be her free act and deed.  
Before me

James Draper Just Peace

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Rebecca Prouty

Endorsed by  
Eli Prouty

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1875  
Boston 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. received a deed of the  
Land Agent of the Comm<sup>y</sup> of Mass<sup>ts</sup> for &  
in behalf of Eli Prouty as assignee of  
Rebecca Prouty — Lewis Burris